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BABY SHOW WINNERS GET PRIZES TOMORROW NOON

High Scorers to Select Their Own
Awards at 1:00 P. M.
In Chapel

FELLOWSHIP FUND AIDED

Lynchburg Merchants, Book Shop, and
Inn Present Prizes,
Flowers, Etc.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Baby Show in chapel, Friday, February 7, at 1:00 p. m. Winners among the faculty and students will be able to select their own prizes from among those on display.

The Baby Show, which was presented by the Fellowship Fund Committee of the Sweet Briar Branch of the American Association of University Women on February 4, 5, and 6, drew a large number of students, faculty, and members of the community as contestants for the various prizes which are offered.

The show, whose proceeds are to go to the Fellowship Fund for the further education of American women who are college graduates, consisted of baby pictures of most of the members of the faculty and community, neatly mounted and numbered. The object was to see who could correctly identify the largest number of infant faces.

The Meredith Collection room of the Mary Helen Cochran library was used for the show. It was brightened by bowls of spring flowers donated by Doyle, of Lynchburg, and by numerous plants and ferns.

The programs, which were used as admittance tickets, were the gift of Brown-Morrison Company, and the cardboard mats on which the 83 pictures were mounted were given by the J. P. Bell Company, also of Lynchburg.

Lynchburg merchants presented all the student prizes, which were placed on display throughout the three days of the show.

A handsome tea set was the gift of Guggenheimer's, while Miller's contributed a wrought iron stand with an Italian tile top and two Carlone flower pots on the sides.

A triangular red clock with a Dutch windmill as second hand, was the unique contribution of J. D. Moore and Son; Craigbill and Jones gave a double silver compact; and Strother Bros. contributed a bottle of Coty's "L'Alman" perfume.

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Faculty and Art Students Are Asked to Hear Saint-Gaudens

Homor Hest Gaudens, one of the best known art critics and lecturers in the United States, a son of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the famous American sculptor and director of Pine Arts at the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, will deliver an illustrated lecture in the Smith Memorial Auditorium of Randolph Macon on Saturday, February 8, at 8:30 p. m.

The Fine Arts Committee of Randolph Macon has extended an invitation to the faculty and art students of Sweet Briar to hear Mr. Saint-Gaudens.

Choir Music

"Praise Ye the Name of the Lord," by Nikolay, has been chosen as the anthem to be sung by the Choir on Sunday, February 9.

Services on that day will be opened by T. T. Noble's Choral Prelude, played by Reginald Martin, assistant professor of piano, organ, and theoretical music, and Mr. Martin has chosen "Psalms from 5th Schmitz" by Gail mail as the organ postlude.

OLD LIBRARY TRANSFORMED INTO NEW MUSIC BUILDING

Sound-Proof Walls Separate the
Studios and Practice
Rooms

The Music Building, which is the old library transformed into a studio for the music department, opened for use on Monday, January 20. The finishing touches were completed in the morning so that the building was ready for a students' recital in the afternoon.

It has been entirely reconstructed into a convenient arrangement of studios, practice rooms and an office. At the end of the central hall is a large, well-appointed studio which Miss Margaret Weaver, assistant professor of piano and theoretical music, will use as her own. The grand piano, which was in Randolph parlor for so many months and which belongs to Miss Weaver, has been placed in there.

Similar but smaller studios have been arranged for Miss Beatrice Wainwright, instructor in vocal music; Mr. Reginald Martin, assistant professor of piano, organ and theoretical music; and Mr. Winston Wilkinson, instructor in violin.

In addition there are five practice rooms which will be available to students of music at all times. Sound-proof walls have been installed in the building to insure those who are practicing against confusing and conflicting sounds from the next room.

The woodwork has been uniformly painted in dark oak. Although the walls are as yet comparatively bare, the plan is that in time they will be hung with pictures of famous musicians and other suitable additions.

3 FORMER STUDENTS BACK; SIX NEW GIRLS WELCOMED

Six new students are entering Sweet Briar the second semester. Two of these girls are to be sophomores, coming with credits from Southern Methodist University. They are Mary Helen Keane and Genevieve Robertson.

Blanche Davies is entering the Freshman class with a semester's credit from Western Reserve University. Three girls, Alice Benton, Elizabeth Cassidy, and Jeanne Harmon are entering the class of '33 direct from high school.

Evelyn Edmunds ex-'29, Katherine Oglesby '32, and Harriette Hamner '33, are all returning for work at Sweet Briar this term. Evelyn expects to graduate in June.

6,000 AMERICANS STUDY IN PARIS DURING PAST YEAR

American University Union Di-
rector Explains Growing
"Cite Universitaire"

By Dr. Hugh A. Smith

During the past year, the European center of the American University Union, located at Paris, recorded approximately 6000 Americans who were more or less serious students in that city. Obviously, America is one of the chief contributors to the greatest international current in the migration of university students that the world has ever known.

The Cite Universitaire might be mentioned as a symbol of this international interest, which has grown so rapidly since the war. On a large tract of some 70 acres, furnished by the French government, 14 foreign countries have already constituted or are constituting large student dormitories for their citizens, and others are being considered. In a short time a score or more foreign nations will have student houses in the Cite.

The American House, begun nearly two years ago, will be completed the coming summer, and will furnish to nearly 300 students beautiful living quarters, including libraries, reception and entertainment rooms, studios and music rooms. Furthermore, in the central buildings of the Cite, Americans will be brought into close contact with many representatives of all the chief countries of the world. American students will come to Paris not only for its French contacts—and these will be had in the American House itself, since a number of French students will also live there—but

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Faculty Baby Show Puzzles Students

A laughing, brown-eyed girl leaning on a railing, a demure blue-eyed damsel with a high, round forehead and golden curls, seated stiffly on a bench, grasping a bunch of flowers; a little baby dressed for the street in the fashion "say back when" with black gloves, high shoes and a stylish hat, supporting herself against a table; a dark, serious-eyed boy in a sailor suit; family groups; children with dogs; these and many others were to be seen among the pictures at the Baby Show, held during the past three days in the Meredith collection room of the library for the Fellowship Fund of the American Association of University Women.

The thought that members of the faculty and community could so completely lose their present position in the baby pictures which represented them between the ages of six months and six years, was the source of a great deal of trouble, especially on the part of the students who entered the identification contest with an eye out for one of the handsome prize temptingly spread before them on a table in the room.

Quaint daguerotypes were held to picture the older members of the community, while most students conceded

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VALENTINE DECORATIONS CHOSEN FOR MIDWINTER-DANCE, FEBRUARY 7

TRAIN SCHEDULE CHANGES!

The 4:20 train, (northbound) now goes through Sweet Briar at 3:54. Mr. Rhea leaves for the station at 3:30 p. m.

The 11:44 (northbound) now goes through at 11:54. A. M.

The Memphis Special, which leaves New York at 9:05 p. m. and reaches Sweet Briar at 7:14 a. m. will now stop to let off any passenger from Washington or further north.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT HEAD TO BE ELECTED FEBRUARY 19

Nominations for May Queen Made
Same Day; Election Takes
Place Week Later

The Student Government nominations scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, have been postponed until Wednesday, February 12, at seven o'clock.

At this meeting nominations will be made for Student Government president, and other Student Government officers; A. J. Y. W. Brambler, and Sweet Briar News officers.

February 19, at 7:00 P. M., the election of the Student Government president will be held in the chapel, and while the ballots are being counted nominations for May Queen will be made.

All day, February 20, there will be an election by preferential ballot held in Gray, of the officers nominated on February 12.

The election of the May Queen will be held in the chapel at 5:00 P. M. Wednesday, February 20.

These elections have been so arranged to allow the grades of the candidates to get through the Dean's office.

4 SENIORS COMPLETE WORK; TO LEAVE AT END OF TERM

Having completed the number of hours required for graduation, four members of the senior class left college at the end of the semester not to return until commencement in June, when they will receive their degrees.

Martha Lee of University, Va., is planning to take a business course in Charlottesville this winter.

Sue McAllister of Point Pleasant, N. J., is registered in the New York School of Social Work and after taking a course there she expects to do social service work.

Sims Masser is returning to her home in Marion, Ga., where she will be until the end of March, when she leaves for a trip to Bermuda.

Grace Ferguson of Merion, Pa., is not planning to do anything definite until fall when she expects to take a position.

Red and Gold Color Scheme will
Provide Effective Background
For Gala Occasion

SOPHOMORE FIGURE AT 10

Meyer-Davis Orchestra to Accompany
This Feature of the Evening
with "Moonlight March"

Although the main feature of Mid-Winter week-end is the formal dance on Friday night, February 7, the social festivities open on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with a tea-dance in the gymnasium.

The Mid-Winter dance, which is to be held in the Refectory at 9 that night, promises to be a very colorful affair. Valentine decorations, variegated spring flowers, and gaily colored evening dresses will mingle into a kaleidoscope of colors.

Hazel Stamps, '32, head of the dance, will lead the Sophomore figure at 10 o'clock. Hazel will wear a long coral satin evening dress, and her assistant, Virginia Hall, '32, will wear dahlia crepe. Both girls will wear long white gloves.

Black velvet, trimmed with a rhinestone robe, is the selection of Katherine Brown, '30, who will lead the upperclass figure, and Mercer Jackson, '30, who will assist her, has chosen eggshell crepe for her gown.

The decorations will carry out the Valentine idea, and will be of red and gold. Balloons and smilax will complete the decorations. Virginia Bellamy, '32, is head of this committee.

Hazel has requested Meyer-Davis' orchestra to play the "Moonlight March" for the Sophomore Figure.

Most of the seniors signed up by the end of last week are to come from the University of Virginia and Washington and Leo University. However, George Washington University, North Carolina, Duke, South Carolina, and Princeton will also be represented.

An orchestra from Lynchburg has been engaged to play at the dance which will be held in the Refectory on Saturday night. At this dance, as at the tea-dance, girls will "break" on the couples. Only seniors may have dates in the state. All other girls can bring men only from out of the state to this dance.

Biology Club Discusses Topics Before Hearsh Fire

At the first meeting of the Biology Club since Christmas, held on January 13 at Dr. Florence Hogue's room in the Venture, the club took part in a discussion of three current events of interest to biologists.

"Tertiary Man" was the subject of the topic introduced by Joan Saunders, '29, while Ann McLean, '32, led the discussion on the life of Dr. William Welch. Rena Trynol, '31, told of an interesting case of breathing developed in a Vassar student.

After these freer discussions, Dr. Hogue and her mother served refreshments.

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DEPARTMENTAL CLUBS AS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The question of Departmental Clubs was the subject of Campus Opinion last week, and several rather outstanding facts regarding clubs at Sweet Briar were brought to light.

The general opinion seemed to be that there were too many clubs and that they were so organized as to fail to draw the interest of a majority of the students, who feel it their duty, however, to retain their membership in an organization because it represents their "major" here.

Most departmental clubs select the "majors" in the department which they represent in the fall, dues are collected, a party of some kind is given and thus far all is well. However, failure to attend later meetings of certain clubs results in a fine of not less than 25c, and those who can afford to pay the fine go to the meeting anyway. Because they are not really interested in the subject, they are subject lowered because they are supposedly not interested in the subject. This is certainly lamentable, if actually true.

Others complain that only one or two people know the main subject of a meeting before the meeting actually takes place and thus only a few can take part intelligently in the discussion. Naturally, several meetings of the students go to the meetings with the sole expectation of listening to the faculty members talk, something which they can do every day in classes.

Granted that something is vitally wrong with the system of departmental clubs now in order here, we wish to point out that the clubs are really primarily student organizations, and therefore the students themselves have the right of abolishing such clubs as they see fit to abolish and of retaining and improving those which they are interested in retaining.

The faculty shouldn't get the blame for the present condition of the clubs, nor should the students be afraid to do as they please about the situation.

They are all student, NOT faculty clubs, and we hope that conditions will soon be improved. It is up to the students!

WHERE DOES SUNDAY FIT?

There is evidently a misunderstanding existing between the administration and the students as to just what between semester privileges mean. If we are granted a free week-end, which does not count as a similar privilege on either semester, then it seems very peculiar and contradictory that chapel service between semesters should be counted as compulsory and, in case of absence, go down in the books as a cut.

By the school calendar the old semester ended on Saturday, February 1, and the new one was scheduled to begin on Monday, February 3. That would seem to make Sunday an in-between day that would not belong to either semester. Why then it is necessary to stretch the point and force students who were away on a supposedly free week-end to start the new semester with two chapel cuts against them!

We will probably all agree that good natured leniency, when it is entirely harmless, on the part of the administration, will be returned by enthusiastic cooperation with the more important rules on the part of the student body. When students feel that "unnecessary strings are attached to their privileges it has the unfortunate effect of breaking down their whole-hearted trust in the judgment of the faculty. This is a condition which, on both sides, admittedly should not exist.



Betty the Briarite
ssg

Exam week, with its attendant cramming of literary, crammed students, and the well-disposed blue sociology outlines, is over. Even exam week had its bright moments this 'er, for example, when Jo Reid finished up her last exam with a flourish and slightly foggy mind, and signed her pledge simply and tenderly, "Love, Jo."

And juniors and seniors now enter their hangover freshman classes to be greeted by patronizing and thoughtful freshmen—"Are you a new freshman, dear?" Followed by much angry flashing of indignant eyes and senior rings.

We are entertained by Lib Stribling's deduction that perhaps the new phrase, "Twenty-four hour phone service" refers to the length of time one waits to have her call go through. True, sister, true.

Quite the prime remark of the week goes to a new arrival who, when asked by House-Mother Ware if she was going to Refl, replied sagely—"Oh, no man, I'm going to study." And wasn't punning either, we understand.

Rumor has it that Dr. Folson's new book has gone to review and the Social Psychology class cannot help but wonder if its theme song is "Lost Watch, I Love You."

The great game of Jackstones still lives! A visit to the freshman parlors after any meal will show a small gathering of freshmen—"The nice little ones"—lost in a cloud of bally, jacks, and expressions such as "no cat," "twosies," "threesies," and possibly also "fourties." Ah, to be young again!

Another freshman pastime is watching Rusty Wright to-dance. The latest thing at all about that is her refreshing modesty—she doesn't WANT to do it, but after a little ardent coaxing she WILL (reluctantly of course) break into intricate Tours Jétes, arabesques, pas de bas, and other nameless wonders whose action defy verbal interpretation.

BETWEEN SEMESTERS

On the behalf of those unfortunate who were unable to leave Sweet Briar after their examinations were over because of exams which kept them here until Friday evening or Saturday morning, we wish to present a plea for a mid-semester vacation of some sort.

From experience and observation we have discovered that with only one day of rest between semesters, neither students or faculty can start the second semester with any pretense at renewed interest.

Saturday ends and Monday begins just like any other week during the past four-and-a-fraction months, and work begins again in a most monotonous fashion. If the second or Saturday morning or Wednesday morning instead of Monday, we feel that the two additional days would go far towards bringing the students and the faculty back to classes with interest and not with yawns.

Examination week is strenuous for everyone concerned and at least a bit of rest is deserved and would probably prove to be a wise move. Two days could easily be taken at the beginning or at the end of the college year, or one at each time, we feel, without disturbing the patience of all concerned.

Readers Say So

The READERS' SAY-SO column is open to all subscribers of the NEWS and everyone is invited to contribute his suggestions, ideas, or criticisms through the medium of this column. MUST be signed, but the signature will not be printed if the writer specifies this wish. The readers are urged to make use of the column because the NEWS welcomes all criticisms and suggestions.

To the Editor:

Your recent editorial, "Rigid Examination Schedule," reflects a rather serious misconception of the function of examinations and of the examination schedule. Although I am inclined to think that this misconception is shared by a relatively small proportion of our thoughtful students, it may be timely to make a brief statement in regard to the general question. Factually, I may say that, although the present schedule was approved by the whole Committee on Schedule, and was submitted to each member of the faculty before final formulation, its actual preparation fell largely to my lot, and I am therefore mainly responsible for it. What I say is to be regarded as the expression of my personal views.

For one thing, it must be borne in mind that Examination Week is an integral part of the college year, and is in no sense to be classed as an "extra-curricular" activity. It is perhaps more purely "academic" than any other aspect of our work at Sweet Briar, in the sense that for most of us it involves more concentrated and undivided mental activity and effort than any other work of the year. In that respect, as in other respects, the experience involved in meeting the demands of an examination schedule is of intrinsic worth from the educational point of view. In other words, each examination, as well as the examination schedule as a whole, must be regarded as an end in itself, not merely as a means to an end.

Obviously, the schedule must be "feasible" for all concerned, but it is equally obvious that mere temporary convenience or comfort cannot in fairness be controlling factors in scheduling examinations for the whole college. Furthermore, the schedule is not designed to provide a "mid-term vacation" for anyone. On the contrary, the aim of the Committee is to avoid too great congestion so far as possible. To be sure, the larger classes of students scheduled early in the week so that the papers may be graded and the grades reported to the Registrar before the beginning of the second semester. Similarly, relatively few examinations (this year, just two) are scheduled for Saturday morning, because we realize that only the student of unusual mental ability and common sense will be as fresh at the end of the week as she was at the beginning.

Another serious misconception is your supposition "that any class with its teacher is a single unit." From the point of view of the college, the purpose and the examination schedule, the individual is the "unit." Each year many adjustments are made to relieve undue hardship in individual cases, even though such ad-

justments often cause considerable inconvenience on the part of various members of the faculty. One corollary of this is that, if it were justifiable to change the schedule to meet the personal preferences of any particular class, it would be quite unreasonable for the Committee to refuse similar requests made by any single individual. If, then, personal preference were to be considered a sound reason for change, you can readily see that chaos would be the inevitable result.

In preparing the examination schedule it seems not unreasonable to assume that, throughout the next six days set aside for the holding of mid-year examinations, the students as well as faculty will stand ready to devote themselves to the task in hand, and not to complain if the examinations happen to fall in such a way that they interfere with other desirable activities. From my point of view the ideal examination schedule for any student would be one that extended from Monday to Saturday, thus providing the maximum time for study and review, the assimilation and integration of each course as a whole. Various practical difficulties, beyond the Committee's control, make the attainment of this ideal for very student quite impossible, although it appears to many students. Nevertheless, it is not easy to understand why, on the face of it, it is reasonable for anyone to consider a Saturday examination and greater hardship than those scheduled earlier in the week.

It is further assumed that students of college caliber should, when adequately prepared, have sufficient poise to take two examinations in one day, even though they be scheduled for consecutive periods. Such a situation has, therefore, not been considered "undue hardship" or adequate reason for changing the schedule. Similarly the possibility of an extended week-end off Campus is not considered relevant. Moreover, we must not lose sight of the fact that every student has more than a twenty-four hour respite—of many students have even more—between her last examination and the beginning of the second semester. Of course, this is true of only a very few members of the faculty. To my mind it would be highly desirable to have a more extended period between semesters so that there might be a day or two of free time for faculty as well as students. This, however, would mean either extending the college year, or curtailing either the Christmas or the Spring recess—which, so far as I am informed, would not at present meet the enthusiastic or unofficial endorsement of the students.

If the author of the editorial in question, or anyone who subscribes to her views, wishes further information in regard to the policy of the Committee on Schedule, she will be glad to discuss the matter with her in greater detail.

Very truly yours,

LUCY C. CRAWFORD

Dear Editor:

The past officers and executive committee of the National Student Federation of America and the students of Sweet Briar College to know that your delegate, Norrell Boyer, took a prominent part and made valuable contributions at the recent Congress at Stanford University.

In addition to presenting campus problems and leading their delegates to conferences, delegates enthusiastically set up a program of expansion for the Federation. This program establishes a central office, and executive secretary and provides for the creation of a local N. S. F. A. committee on each campus. This action makes our obtaining considerable outside support, the benefit of which will be felt in the campus of every member institution.

The new officers will appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely yours,
URSEL C. NARVER
1929 President N. S. F. A.

BOXWOOD INN WELCOMES STUDENTS AFTER EXAMS

The grind of exam week was pleasantly broken on Friday evening, January 31, when Miss Ruth Stevens was hostess at an "At Home" at the Boxwood Inn. All the students were invited to come at 7:30 and to stay as long as they could. They came, weary-eyed searchers after knowledge who had finished exams, and were celebrating. The victims of Ex, sole inhabitants of the library that evening even declared a truce to recess, and deserted the Business College and Federal Reserve Station to join in the good time.

The Sun parlor was prepared for dancing. The floor was waxed and the vic labored under the strains of every thing from "Singing in the Rain" to "Carolina Moon". The adjoining led room was arranged with bridge tables and the hall with cheery with a fire in the fireplace. A back bedroom was the general depository for wraps.

Downstairs another fire was blazing in the fireplace, and some people were toasting marshmallows. This was the tancst of indoor sports. Some of the more strenuous ones were pingpong, Michigan, indoor croquet, and egg football. There is nothing like egg football to show up good lungs, and pingpong is a fine game to exhibit a snappy forearm drive, all the contestants agreed.

The refreshments were delightful. Raspberry shortlet punch was indulged in extensively, to say nothing of the candies that were consumed! Red heart candies anticipated Valentine's Day and were very sustaining during the more strenuous moments of bridge and Michigan.

"Boxwood Inn at Home," with its roaring fire and egg cheeriness, was the grand climax to exam week for those who had finished, and for those who still looked forward to an hour of trial Saturday morning it was a gay intermission, say the students who were present.

With the Alumnae

Ira Henridge Moore, ex-'30, is to be married to Allan Lindsay Luke, Jr., Saturday, February 15. After March 15, Mr. and Mrs. Luke will be at home in Williamsburg, Pa.

Jocelyn Watson, '28, is to be married to Edwin Kelsey Regan, Friday, February 14, at Memphis, Tenn.

Millie Millikan, ex-'29, is now taking a secretarial course. Harriet Eastis, former secretary to the dean, is visiting Millie this week.

Frederika Bernhard, '24, is doing placement work in the Girl Braves' Office, East 19th St., New York City. Shiny Bodine Mountcastle, '24, announces the birth of a baby recently.

Lisa Gulison, '29, is in vaudeville in Brooklyn this week.

Isabel Deming Ellis, ex-'23, is now living in Lima, Peru, South America. She writes that on Sweet Briar Day she lunched with a Vassar girl.

Nell Atkins, '26, is first assistant to Dr. Ada Arlitt at the Pre-Kindergarten School at the University of Cincinnati. Emilie Giese, '29, is studying art in Boston at the School of Practical Art.

Francis Jeffers, ex-'32, attends the Finch School in New York and is living at the St. Anthony Hotel.

The wedding of Elizabeth Kendall, ex-'29, took place this fall at Lamar, Pearing. Mr. and Mrs. Pearing are now living in New York City.

A daughter, Betsy Wade, was recently born to Elizabeth Manning Wade, '25, who is now living in New York City.

A daughter, Katherine, was born early in January to Katherine Hagler Plimley, '23, of Augusta, Ga.

Elizabeth Smith, ex-'30, is attending the University of Cincinnati and is studying voice at the Conservatory under Albert Berner.

Lois Ritchie, ex-'28, has been working with the Cincinnati Associated Charities since 1927.

Lucille Smith Bauer, ex-'25, is now taking her degree at the Cincinnati University.

Helen Harper Seney, ex-'25, has a baby daughter, about two weeks old. Marjorie Shepherd, '26, is the author of a short but very realistic sketch of Sweet Briar which appears in the March issue of College Humor.

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A Sweet Briar Chaperon

By Herb Harris '32

John Grover Albright, physics prof, doesn't like horses. A hole in the side of his head where one once kicked him is plenty evidence why.

"He started out to be a farmer in Pickaway County, Ohio, Year: 1887. But he didn't like his grandpa.

Young farmer John never went to a high school. Never opened a book after the eighth grade. Yet at 22 he suddenly decided to leave the stock and grain for teaching. Seven years later he returned—with a wife, and a B. A. from Ohio U.

There he had joined a radical, anti-fraternity society. But in six years it wound up with a check letter. And Albright became a charter member of the new national Phi Kappa Tau.

State got him next for a year. Then Mt. Sterling III as principal, for five. Case got him then (1921). But he went to Harvard three years later for a doctors degree. There his wife took sick. They needed cash. So he quit to go to work. This time in the peaceful Blue Ridge Mountains (of Va.).

Position: head of the physics department of Sweet Briar College.

It's a 40-acre school for girls. On a beautiful 3000 acre plantation, 13 mi. from town. He was one of five men on the faculty there.

The U. of Va. is only 85 miles away. So the girls took excursions to see the football games week ends. And the Albrights were sent along to shepherd the flock.

But he didn't like teaching along side of old maids. Long, drawn out faculty meetings. Attempts to regulate everything and everybody on the campus.

So back to Case again (1927). To the same old desk. To the same old rooms on Angel Road.

He's still after that Ph. D. Spent the last two summers with Compton and Morse at Chicago.

He's an expert gymnast. A tricker on the spring board. But he's no good at bridge because he never sorts his cards. Blackjack, he thinks, is a better game because you can guess at probabilities. Detective stories, Jack London, and the Literary Digest is what he likes to read.

He doesn't smoke. Won't go spinach: Hoffman's candy bars, he says, is the height of his dissipation.

He keeps his research room clean and orderly. But when his wife doesn't watch him, he'll wear the same collar for a week.

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In these hectic days of third parties and independent liberals one cannot be surprised at certain outbursts in our conservative institution.

The latest non-conformers are those who refuse to pay their post office box rent. As the platform of this group has not yet been declared, only speculations can be made as to whether the advocates of such a policy have no faith in the U. S. mail system, or whether chatting around the post office until the mail is up forms a delightful social hour for them.

This cult seems to brave the "after class" mob and refuses to struggle with locks on the doors. Perhaps they have experienced the overwhelming sensation of having someone's elbow jammed unobtrusively in one's mouth, or maybe, while stooping to the level of box 28, they have had about three people stand on top of them.

Complications always arise when man is handled back and forth! Some poor soul who is struggling to regain an upright position is bound to get mixed up in a Saturday Evening Post or New York Times—a most undesirable deterioration of London Bridge!

Then there is the person who extracts a handful of mail from a box and finds half of it, most of it, or all of it belongs to co-partners in box rent. It is seldom that the victim is saved from the current which sweeps upward, and it is only after violent thrusts and shoves that the box is regained.

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BABY SHOW PRIZES

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A pair of silk hose from Coleman's and a two-pound box of candy from Harris-Woodson complete the list of prizes for the students.

The faculty prizes consist of a gift certificate from the Book Shop, a two-pound box of candy from Harris-Woodson, and an electric hairbrush from Kinler-Montgomery Co.

The committee which had charge of the Baby Show was headed by Vivienne Barkalow Breckenridge, '18, and included Mrs. Preston Edwards, president of the Sweet Briar Branch of the A. A. U. W., Dr. Dorra Neill Raymond, Madame Cecile Johnson, Miss Lois Ballenger, Miss Hilda Harpster, Miss Maria Bondeaux, and Norvell Boyer, '30, as student representative.

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In addition, for the international spirit to be found at this great university.

It is obvious to anyone who knows the French and the American system of education, that the integration of numerous American students into a French University is far from easy. In many, a university education in France is freer and more open to all than it is even in America. The fees are almost negligible. But it demands much more determination, intellectual effort, and especially more mental and moral order or self-control.

In America one can be a reasonably successful student and still be only a drifter. He would require more courage to break through the lines of deans, advisors, and professors who herd him down the academic lanes, than he needs to do his daily appointed task. But in France there are no such lanes and no drifter can succeed. Provided he turns up at the appointed time for the right, comprehensive examination, "with the goods on him," no one asks where or how he has spent his time, but to do this demands effort and volition.

The lines sketched above are necessary to understand the field and importance of the American University Union at Paris, which was founded during the War, and which attempts to combine in one bureau all the services performed by several agencies in an American university, from the Dean's office down to the Bulletin Board for rooming houses. It occupies permanent quarters, not far

from the University, at 173 Boulevard Saint Germain, where it has reading, writing, and reception rooms, and its offices, including two rooms for the use of American professors doing research, and a typewriter room for American students.

The director of the Union comes over annually from some large American University, and is expected to be a sort of educational ambassador, who will represent the best traditions of American education. He works with a permanent Associate-director, who is thoroughly informed on French institutions of learning, and widely qualified to serve as a practical advisor to Americans studying in France. There are four other members of the staff.

It would take a book to catalogue the activities of the Union. It rarely has two cases alike, and can not serve, as a Dean's office in America frequently may, merely by stating or enforcing the rules. Its advice must often apply to the fundamental aims of the student, who is many times wholly at sea, or quite in error in what he expects to accomplish. Numerous young men and young women, after a half hour with a director of the Union, leave the office to take a wholly different course, to work for a different diploma, or perhaps to attend a different institution from that which they had intended on entering, and, in all such cases, are saved from a fatal mistake which would have compromised their long cherished year of study in France.

One of the most difficult problems for many serious students is to satisfy the authorities that they have the proper equivalent to enter certain schools or become candidates for certain degrees, such as the school of medicine for example, and since all French universities are under a single Minister of Education, the permission to enter various schools, or to take examinations for a degree, must sometimes be had from the Minister's office.

The directors of the Union are compelled to be in close touch with all the authorities, and are often able, by personal intervention or conference, to accomplish what would otherwise have been impossible. They are constantly called on in such cases. The American Embassy or Consulate, which must sometimes sign the requests of American students to obtain certain educational privileges, quite regularly asks for a preliminary recommendation from the Union, and the French authorities themselves frequently refer cases to the directors, because of their special position as liaison officials.

Calendar

FRIDAY, FEB. 7—
1:00 P. M.—Announcement of A. U. W. Baby Show Awards.
9:00 P. M.—Mid-Winter Dance.
SATURDAY, FEB. 8—
8:30 P. M.—Informal Dance, Refectory.
SUNDAY, FEB. 9—
11:00 A. M.—Rev. Wm. Scott, Lynchburg, Va.
MONDAY, FEB. 10—
7:00 P. M.—Glee Club. Chapel.
TUESDAY, FEB. 11—
8:00 P. M.—Basketball—Second Class.
1932 vs. 1932
1931 vs. 1933
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12—
4:30 P. M.—Orchestra Rehearsal. Chapel.
7:00 P. M.—Student Government Meeting.
7:30 P. M.—Oriental Club Meeting.
THURSDAY, FEB. 13—
7:8 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal. Chapel.

But much of the Union's routine work lies outside of the lofty realm of educational problem. One of the first, and most pressing needs of the average student is to find a suitable place to sleep and eat, and since he should usually connect this question with the urgent need of acquiring facility in speaking French, it is of vital concern. The Union is the most available resource for such students and its help is often timely and much needed. It has even been known to draft one of its staff to enable a hungry student, who could not read the restaurant menus, to get his first meal in Paris.

Naturally the Union staff is not omniscient, as it would almost need to be if it not adequately ask requests. The range of information demanded of the Directors is very wide. It extends from choosing their subjects in several fields for candidates for the doctorate, or estimating the amount of credit that anyone

out of 500 American colleges might possibly give for a certain course of study in France, down to picking a good, reasonably priced dentist or finding the safest cheap restaurant in Paris. Over such broad fields, the advisors are aware that their knowledge is often being stretched until it becomes disappointing to them. But slight as it may be, the information is usually superior to that already possessed by those who ask for it, and the size of the staff does not permit experts in every line.

It is failure not to consult the Union in time, that is most to be regretted. Some students do not come to the Union until they are already committed to a wrong route, and others come for whom the only honest advice, bitter as it may be, is to return home at once. In fact, the cases belonging to this latter group are not uncommon. A freshman from some American college will arrive, confident of his ability to do his sophomore year at the University of Paris, and wholly ignorant of the fact that French universities are graduate institutions. Of another of the same rank, who has failed his first year French at home and who believes in going to original sources, thinks that he would stand a better chance of making good in this subject at a French University, where the nearest practical case he could find would probably be one on French style, or in Romance philology. And worse still, they are probably both expecting to earn a part of their expenses, while doing this work.

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that snap shots could only belong to the youngest ones. But since most of the faculty are neither old or young, their faces are mostly of the same type, a fact which made things no easier for students and faculty who tried to go about their guessing by eliminating such factors as age in a very scientific way.

Students chewed their pencils, stepped up close to the pictures, then drew back and looked at them squintingly, shook their heads, and decided to "give them one up, for the time being at least."

Faculty members now and then smiled maddeningly to themselves as they suddenly recognized the features of one of their colleagues, but many of them were no better off than the students at this guessing business.

Now that the last frantic guesses have been made and the identities have been finally revealed after the contest closed, the winners are as yet unknown.

Box Rent Scorners

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All such fighting, pushing and jostling has been outlawed by this non-box group. They wait outside and watch the trampled wrecks emerge, then calmly and with nonchalance they saunter up to the window and ask—"Is there anything in general delivery for me?"

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